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31st March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Father, we praise You for sending Your Son to abide with us and be with us. Life can feel lonely, but the fact is, we are never alone. That is a truth we can cling to during our darkest times. Thank you for giving us the grace to release our failed efforts and bottled-up emotions to You, free of judgment and full of healing love.

Forgive us for walking through life without the joy that Jesus died to fill our hearts with. Help us to find You in the hard moments of life, and remember the comfort and truth of Your promises during seasons of suffering.

Jesus, You never leave us, and always guide us. Who we are becoming is no secret to You, You who formed us in our mother's womb. You came down to earth to save us, love us, and show us how to live. May we chase after You all of our days, and experience the rich and irreplaceable peace that allows us to overcome, to walk victorious, and to hold onto hope. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Parent Survey

Thank you for those of you who took the time to complete the parent survey. We are delighted to see all the positive feedback from parents; however we also understanding that there is a lot we can do to improve the experience for both parents and pupils. We will be looking carefully at all the feedback and put together a plan to address the areas of concerns that have been mentioned.

Please see attached the survey results.

Assemblies

We will celebrate the work that **Reception E** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 20th April at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

We will celebrate the work that **2A** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 27th April at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

We will celebrate the work that **1K** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 4th May at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

We will celebrate the work that **Reception O** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 25th May at 9:05 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.



Newham London

Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott



Clubs

The new after school clubs begin on Monday, 17th April. Please note that each half term you will need to apply for clubs, except for choir and chess club which are each term. The children who attend choir and chess club need to be involved for a longer period of time to develop their chess skills or to prepare for a choir performance.

Parents' Conference Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents' conference meetings this week; it is always a great opportunity to strengthen the vital partnership between home and school.

Summer Term

The summer term begins on Monday, 17th April 2023 for all pupils as normal. Please note that all school dates are also available on the school website if you are unsure of school dates and times.

<https://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/>

Bank Holidays

Please be aware that there is an additional bank holiday for the King's Coronation on Monday, 8th May 2023, therefore there will be no school on this day. This is in addition to the usual bank holiday on Monday, 1st May 2023.

School Uniform

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps pupils to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare the children for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

There are a number of children who are not wearing the correct school uniform. It is important that all children are compliant with the uniform expectations. I would like to remind parents that the children should be wearing school shoes not trainers or boots; hair beads are also not permitted as a part of the school uniform.

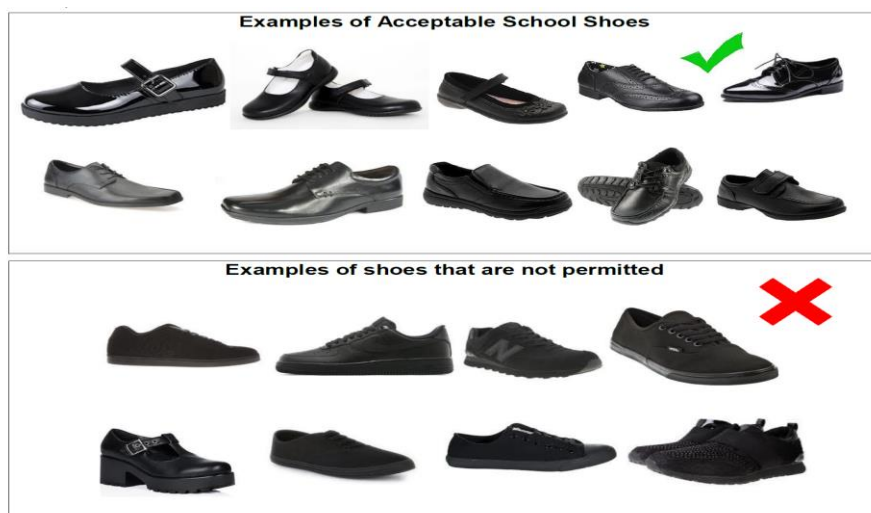
The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference

<https://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-uniform/>

We will be issuing reminder letters to children who are not wearing the correct uniform to remind parents and ask that you support the school by ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform each day.

As you replenish your child's school uniform over the next few months and in September please be aware of acceptable school shoe. Please be aware that boots are not acceptable school shoes. We allowed boots during the period of snow and ice, however children need to return to wearing their school shoes.





Parent Advice and Support

We are in difficult times and need to try to support each other as best as we can. The school website has an advice and support section with links to organizations that can provide legal advice, debt management advice and food banks.

<https://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/parents-carers/advice-and-support/>

If you need further advice or support please go to the school office and request an appointment with a member of the senior leadership team.

Newham Libraries

There are ten libraries across Newham, each offering a range of services and community activities. As well as a fantastic selection of books and other reading material of course. **The libraries also provide free computer and internet access.**

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries-arts-culture/newham-library-services>

God Bless,

N. Scott

Head Teacher

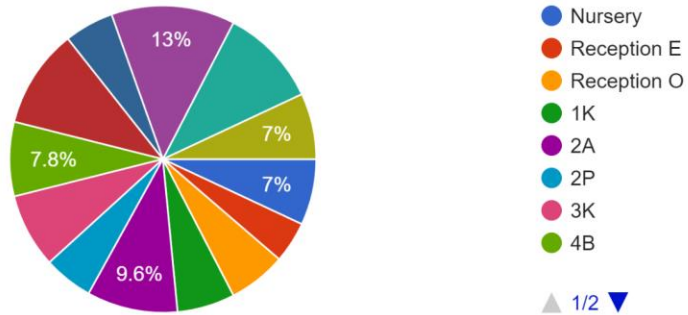


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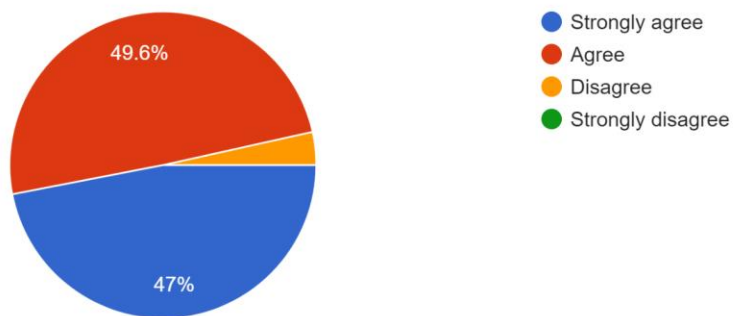
What class is your child in?

115 responses



My child is happy at this school

115 responses

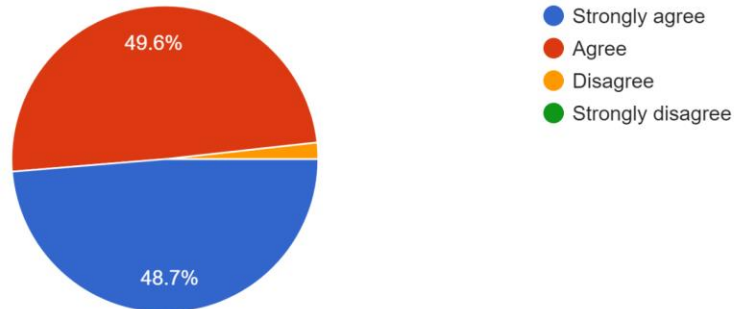


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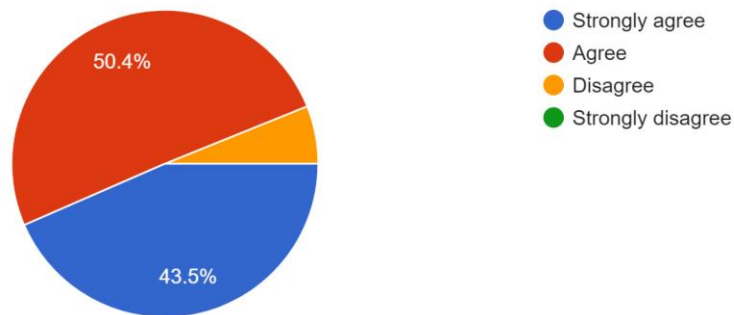
My child feels safe at this school

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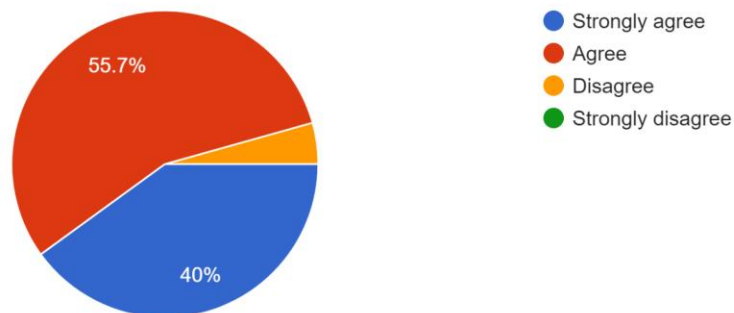
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved

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The school supports my child to develop resilience, confidence and independence.

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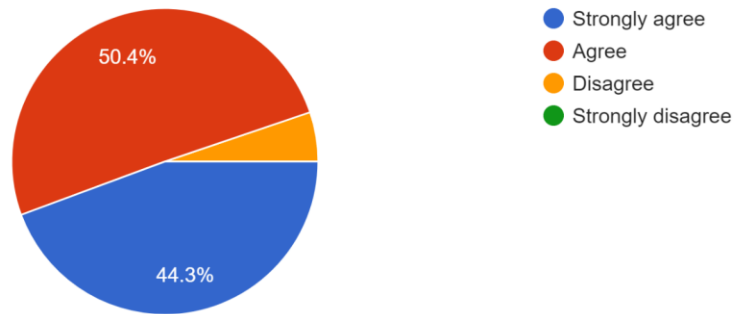


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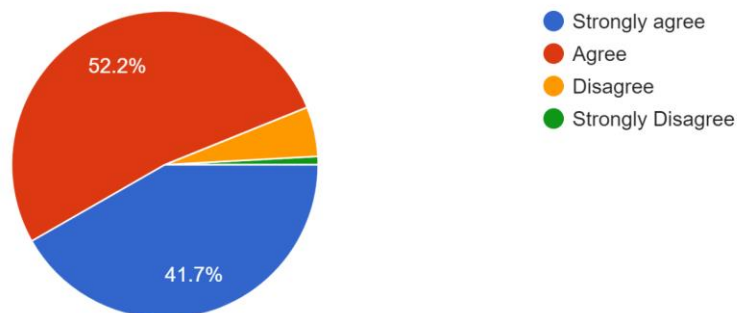
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year (for instance through homework, curriculum newsletters, etc.)

115 responses



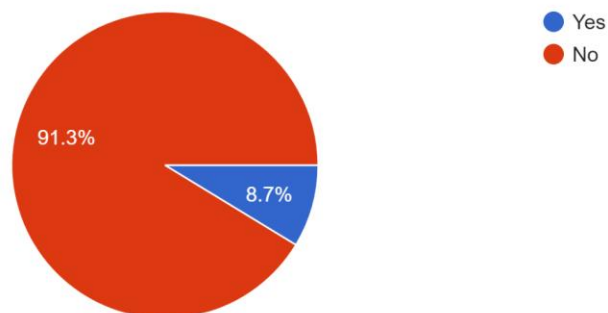
I know who to communicate with if I have concerns

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My child has special educational needs or a disability (SEND)

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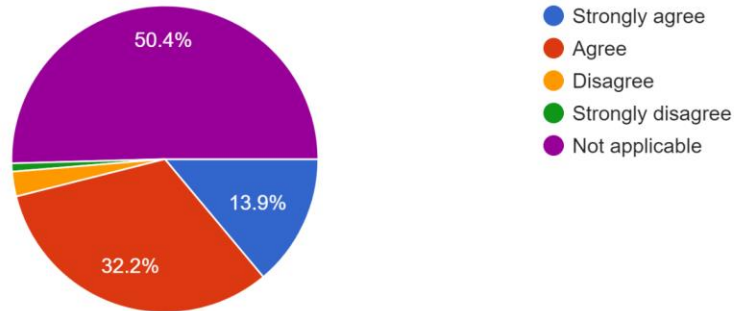


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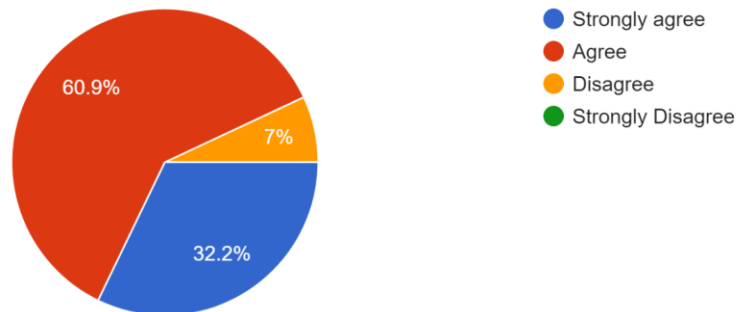
The school gives my child with SEND the support they need to succeed

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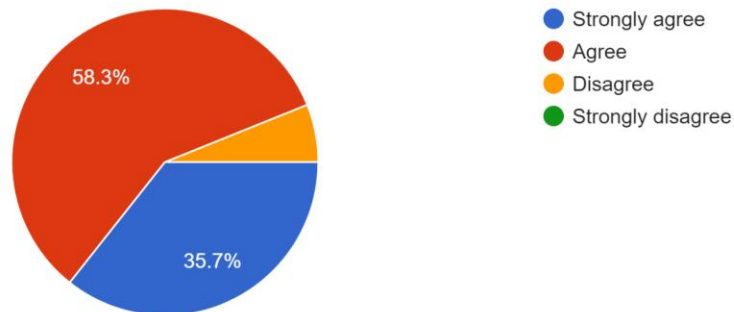
The school teaches my child how to lead a healthy and active lifestyle and how to keep physically and mentally healthy

115 responses



The school has high expectations for my child

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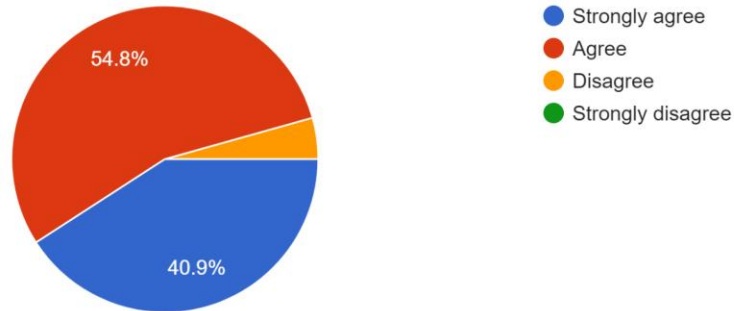


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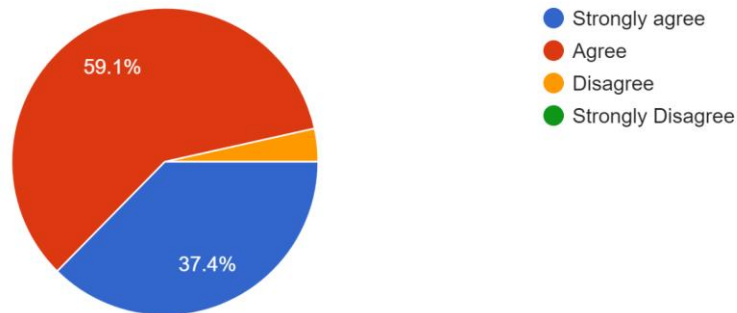
I know how to help my child with their homework

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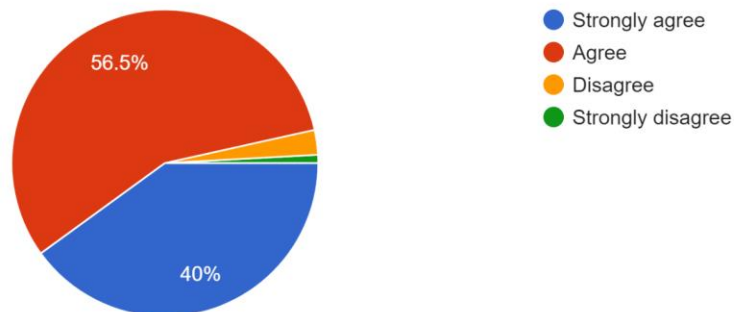
I know a range of strategies to support my child with reading at home

115 responses



My child does well at this school

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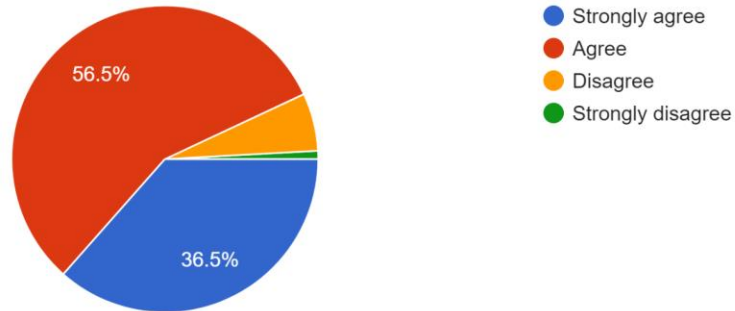


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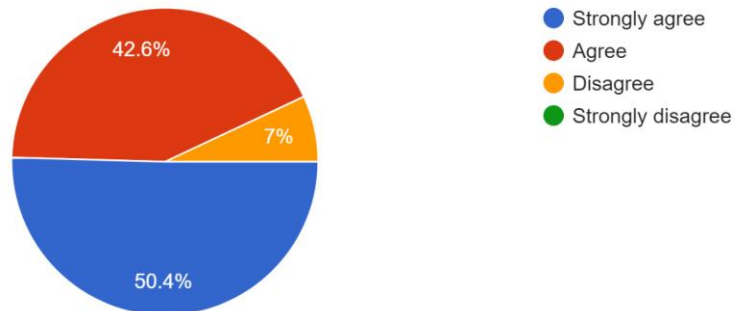
The school lets me know how my child is doing

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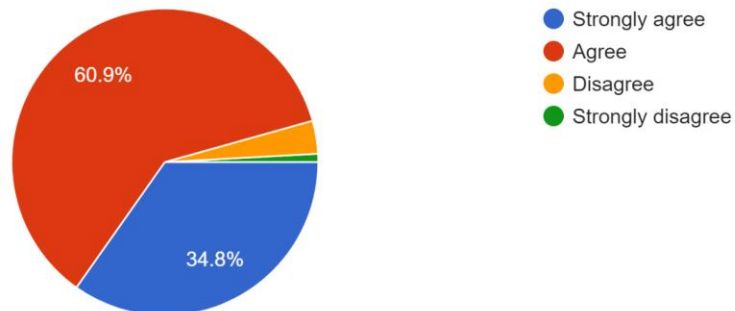
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

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My child is being prepared for the next stage/year group in his/her learning

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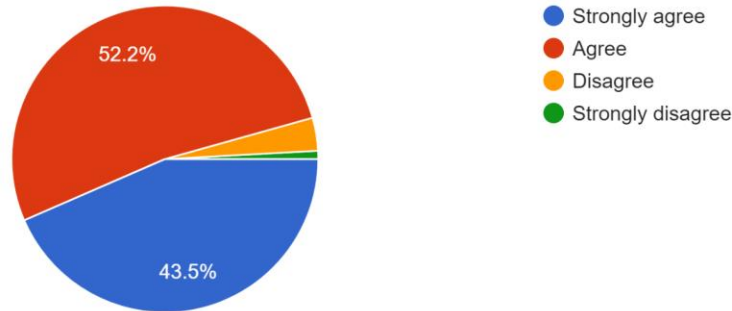


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I would recommend this school to another parent

115 responses



N/A

One of the best schools in East London. Friendly, professional, hard working and helpful staffs who support the students

am happy with the school

My children are safe and have improved since joining St Francis ,very committed and God fearing set of professionals .Very happy that my children are passing through St Francis Catholic Primary School and I will always recommend this school to other parents I know.

My child is aware of environmental issues "she's an eco warrior" and is developing great awareness of treating others with respect and kindness.

The school food hygiene is unreliable according to my child and needs to be investigated. At times the find hair and plastic and the food is served cold.

Massive thanks to the Teachers and support staff

I commend the head administrators , teachers and support workers for their dedication to the physical and emotional well-being of my child . My Child continues to good progress in her learning and social behaviours.

My son feels heard and supported in his learning and general well-being . He continues to make good progress in his learning, behaviours and social interactions. I am grateful for the support system in the schoool.

The school continue to offer various opportunities for my child . My child looks forward to attending school each day , her interest is sustained due to the support system in the school . I have observed child progress over the years and note values which have been impacted in her through her learning.

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She is encouraged to build on her own agency and develop a voice into the future . I am grateful to the school for the support they have offered and offers throughout the years.

Menu for lunch could improve, and I would suggest the school to make a variety of different dishes as for instance every Friday there is always same dishes presented. Also there could be soup in the menu which is very healthy for kids to have.

There is a big issue with communication between parents and teachers. I believe, this is the result of poor school organisation and not related to the teachers' willingness. Needs are not recognized quickly enough. Suitable strategies are extremely late. Lack of information on daily basis. I do not rely on the school to support my child's development - I send my child for privet lessons.

Thank you to all the staff.

Thank you

I feel concerns are not always heard. If I have an issue and tell the teacher, they listen but it doesnt feel like there is an actual outcome. Its the same as when my child has a problem at lunch and reports it. Nothing is done about it. Which makes my child not want to report any issues in the first place because they know the problem will not be fixed.

I also have a problem with the girls toilets. Apparently the condition is so bad that my child would rather hold her urine for the whole day than use the toilets which is not acceptable.

I would like my child to have support when need dressing herself. Often she is not looking well dressed when I collect her. That's only my issue.

My rating for the school is good

You are doing your best ☺ GOD BLESS YOU ALL

I would like to thank all the teachers and members of this school for supporting my child when she needs it.

No

I love the schools educational and religious values.